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Softball starts to gain momentum over weekend; **PAGE 7**

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Students try to live up to binge stereotypes

By Kate Schantz
REPORTER

In their senior year, most high school students can think of only one thing — life after graduation.

For many, moving on entails leaving home for the first time and heading off to college. The general perception that accompanies a freshman's newfound freedom is that college will be four years full of drinking and crazy parties.

As co-director of the Social Norms Program at the University, Terry Rentner is in charge of much of the research of binge drinking on campus.

Through her research and surveys of high school students, Rentner has found that their opinion of binge drinking in college is overblown.

One of her findings states that most high school students believe that at least 90 percent of college students binge drink. The actual percent nationally is 44 percent.

Though the national average is substantially lower than believed, the average of binge drinkers at BGSU is actually higher than other universities.

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Mraz concert plays to 3,000+

The solo guitarist and opening acts highlight Sibs N Kids weekend at Anderson

By Rachel Bobak
ASSISTANT PULSE EDITOR

On Saturday night, people anxiously waited outside Anderson Arena to see Jason Mraz perform. Some even camped out on the lawn hours before the doors opened at 7 p.m. for a concert started at 8 p.m. to be the first ones inside.

Compared to recent concerts held at the University, the Mraz concert ranks as a success story. The concert sold over 3,000 tickets in a capacity of 3,800 seats.

Local band Steve Raszka and Canadian jazz musician, Kyle Riabko, were the opening acts. Riabko will continue to tour with Mraz.

"I've been saying this whole year that the Jason Mraz shows have been the best," Riabko said. "The audience is tailor fit for us."

Mraz is also enjoying his time on the tour. He said he is willing to play for anyone who has invited him and his band. He is now doing smaller venues because he has not started promotion of his new album, "Mr. A-Z." The album has a current release date of July 22.

"For us, this is just 'fun month.' Just go out and whoever's invited us, we'll show up," Mraz said. "But they've also invited the public, and that's what makes it a



Ben Swanger BG News

VERY POPULAR MAN: Jason Mraz performed before more than 3,000 listeners in Anderson Arena Saturday.

good show."

Mraz began singing since he could talk, he said. He began playing the piano soon afterwards. Mraz, who began playing guitar at the age of 18, describes

himself as a beginning musician who still has a lot to learn.

"I kind of fall into it. I'm not one to instantly hear it and translate it from my head to the guitar," Mraz said. "I have to spend hours

noodling and toying around."

Unlike Mraz, Saskatoon born-Riabko, has been playing guitar since he was 10. He used to pretend on a mini hockey stick when he was three years old, until his father bought him a guitar when he got older.

His father started taking him to bars when he was 10 to perform. "I loved it. It taught me a lot," Riabko said. "It was cool to be around that atmosphere all the time. It was a learning experience." At the time he was still going to school.

Now at 17, he takes classes online and will be graduating in a month from high school.

Although college may be in the back of his mind, he will take a break from touring at some time in the future.

"I don't see myself doing anything but this for my whole life," he said. After performing with Buddy Guy, who is 73, Riabko realizes he can do it for the rest of his life if he wanted to.

Riabko found it amazing to

perform with inspiration, Buddy Guy. "It was a religious experience," he said.

When he performs on stage, he likes to be able to relate with his audience the way other musicians do. "I want to let them know that I'm not a serious singer/songwriter, introspective artist type," he said. "I'm here to have fun."

When Mraz is on stage, he likes having smaller audiences. "You can make eye contact with everyone in the room," he said. "Less than a thousand people in a room; everyone wants to be there. It's more intimate."

Intimacy is a huge factor for Mraz, because when he writes songs, he writes when no one else is around. "But once something is created, it doesn't belong to me anymore. And that's the kind of meditation I have to go through," he said.

Now that he performs with a band, he creates with other people and loses its intimacy. He said he and his band write songs that only make sense to them and

JASON MRAZ

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... NEVER A DULL MOMENT

WATERY FUN:

Right: Brandon Green throws a rock into the pond outside of the recreation center while his sister, Adrienne Green, picks up ammunition. Brandon and Adrienne Green were in town for Sibs N Kids weekend Saturday with their sister, Ashley Link. Ashley is graduating this spring with a Bachelor's in accounting. Below: Siblings and relatives of Bowling Green students Lindsay Gadberry, Ashley Link, Molly Gannon and Chad Niezgodski skip rocks into the pond.

John Findling BG News



Dave Tam BG News

DINNER DISCUSSION: Maria Baranova chats with other participants at the International Dinner on Sunday night. Maria is from Russia.

Diners diversify

By Laura Hoesman
REPORTER

International tastes, sounds and sights filled the Union Grand Ballroom yesterday evening during the University's International Dinner, organized by the World Student Association.

The dinner, which has existed in some form at the University for about 30 years, included foods from several foreign countries that are represented on campus.

In addition to serving foreign cuisine to hundreds of guests, several international students performed dances, played music and displayed traditional international clothing.

The evening's events began with a music video tribute to the victims of the December tsunami that struck Indonesia and other Eastern nations.

The video, titled, "Good-bye Tsunami," was prepared by Vincent Therasnathan, post doctoral faculty fellow in the Department of Biological Sciences, and his brother, who lives in India. Therasnathan said the money made through sales of the video will go to Natham Trust, a social service organization.

A parade of flags followed the video. Students from 22 different nations carried in flags from their

native countries and placed them in a row at the front of the ballroom.

Karimi Kilemi of Kenya, a graduate student, dressed in a bright orange traditional Kenyan dress, carried her country's flag. She said the International Dinner and parade of flags help international students remember their home cultures when they are away from home for so long.

"It reminds us where we come from, because we tend to forget about our culture," Kilemi said.

After flags had been placed, guests had the opportunity to taste a wide variety of traditional foods, which were prepared by cooks at the union under the guidance of international students.

Indian students kicked off the evening's entertainment with traditional Bhangra dancing. The students danced to a combination of Indian and American music.

Romanian graduate student Nicoleta Laura Cismas of Romania performed next, playing the piano as her slide show of Romanian scenery and traditional crafts was displayed.

A short awards presentation followed.

Next was a fashion show of both

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

TUES



Partly Cloudy
High: 54°
Low: 35°

WED



Mostly Sunny
High: 56°
Low: 37°

THURS



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High: 59°
Low: 37°

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High: 60°
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Perceptions a big factor when students decide to drink

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Some students at the University may be proud — while others appalled — to hear that 56 percent of University students binge drink.

A survey taken in 1999 at the University found the national amount of drinks per week for college students is five, but BGSU students consume an average of eight per week.

"There are guys I know that will go out and drink a case to themselves," said Christine Anghel, a junior at the University. "Sometimes, they will go as far as chugging liquor."

Rentner believes that first-year students tend to binge drink because of the expectations of college life.

The students are "aspiring to what they think BG culture is like," she said.

"Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol," a video available at the Wellness Connection in the Health Center, was created in 1994. It features celebrity sources like Carson Daly, an MTV host and Jean Kilbourne, an author and lecturer known for her work in alcohol, tobacco and the image of women in adver-

tising. Interviews with college students are also featured in the video.

The video defines binge drinking as having at least five drinks in a row in one night.

In "Spin the Bottle," it is argued that students also turn to alcohol and binge drinking as an icebreaker.

College students in the video agree, saying that it helps them to loosen up and get to know other people.

Brittany Sarley, sophomore, agrees that alcohol use is often an icebreaker for socializing within a new group of people.

"People drink to socialize and feel popular," Sarley said. "It's the cool thing to do in college."

"Spin the Bottle" also claims the media has an effect on students and binge drinking, arguing that movies, television, commercials and other advertisements glamorize drinking and make it appear to be a social norm.

For example, every year MTV sponsors spring break and features students from around the country at a popular southern spot, such as Cancun, Mexico. The video shows clips from MTV Spring break with young

"Sometimes Greeks are stereotyped as big drinkers," she said. "But a lot of other organizations drink a lot, too. For example sports teams. It's not just the Greeks."

BRITTANY SARLEY,
SORORITY MEMBER

college students — drinks-in-hand — wearing whipped cream bikinis and making-out for cheap prizes.

Other college students and those in high school see this and feel as if they, too, need to act that way on spring break. Daly, an MTV host, agrees that spring breakers today can't help but copy the actions of what they see on television.

"When a student goes on spring break, they aren't having an authentic experience," he said.

"They are actually recreating what they've already seen in the media as what they are sup-

posed to do on spring break."

One thing that the media does not portray as often, especially not through advertisements, are the downfalls to binge drinking, such as an addiction to alcohol.

"Spin the Bottle" states that one-third of college students have an alcohol dependency problem.

Even if they don't have alcohol dependency, there are still other negatives that come along with the habit.

Binge drinking can lead to health problems such as weight gain, insomnia, longer lasting colds, bronchitis, mono, the flu and pneumonia. It leads to cancer in the liver and throat while also causing brain damage.

"Spin the Bottle" says students who binge drink tend to miss and fall behind in classes as well as have a hard time concentrating.

According to the video, students in their first semesters in college do much worse in classes than they ever did in high school because they are concentrating more on their social life rather than on school.

Sources also point to a connection between binge drink-

ing and violence on campuses.

One aspect of violence that rarely goes unheard of is hazing.

Hazing can be used in organizations as a type of initiation when members are forced to do things that are often hazardous to their health, such as drinking excessive amounts of alcohol.

Rentner said that her research has shown hazing and binge drinking often occur in conjunction because of the expectations of being involved in a certain group.

It is often considered a norm and expected. Members will join a group believing that it is not going to be easy and to be accepted they must comply with the hazing.

As a member of a sorority on campus, Sarley believes that Greeks are often singled out as being the only group that binge drinks.

"Sometimes Greeks are stereotyped as big drinkers," she said.

"But a lot of other organizations drink a lot, too. For example sports teams. It's not just the Greeks."

The BGSU code of conduct on drinking states that, "Use,

possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and the University regulations is prohibited."

On a student's first violation of this code, he or she will be put on University probation and will be assigned service hours.

He or she will also have to attend an alcohol assessment by a certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, with a \$100 fee.

A second violation will result in suspension from the University and probation upon return.

The Wellness Connection advocates that if, at any time, you or a friend has a drinking problem, the best thing to do is talk to a counselor or friend about the problem.

"It really scares me because so many people have drinking habits that could lead to serious problems," Anghel said. "Sometimes it is hard telling someone they need help, but if they do, it has to be done."

The local Alcoholics Anonymous, "You're Not Alone," for students, is held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday nights at 8 p.m.

Riabko, Raszka warm up the crowd for Mraz

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have experienced on the road.

"I don't like being called Jason Mraz now that we're a band. I wish we had a band name," he said. "I was originally going to call myself Rand McNally, because everyone would think, 'I've heard of that guy.' But instead I wrote the song." Rand McNally would make a map of the area where he caused trouble, so he would know not to go back.

Riabko has a song out called "Misbehave," which he describes as raunchy. He enjoys writing and performing his sex songs. "People find it kind of weird and cool," he said. "It's about sex and purely enjoying it. And I love songs like that and I think people gravitate towards them naturally. I mean, Prince made a whole career out of it."

Mraz is known for wearing a pin that reads "I love sex." Mainly he wears the pin because of his feeling toward expressing oneself

in a relationship. Since he is in a relationship himself, he said he enjoys writing love letters to his girlfriend on a regular basis.

But before he became truly famous, he came across some weird fan experiences. "I signed a girl's ass one time," he said. "And the next time I saw her, it was tattooed on her ass."



Ben Swanger BG News

GETTING READY TO ROCK: Canadian musician Kyle Riabko warmed up for Jason Mraz Saturday night.

International food tickles BG tastebuds

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traditional and more modern international attire. University students displayed the clothing, some of which was handmade by the students.

Jin Yang, a senior from China, walked in the fashion show, displaying a long, bright red, modern version of the traditional Qi Pao dress.

"The evening is so wonderful and you meet so many friends and new people," Yang said, adding that she would miss the dinner after four years of involvement.

Performances followed from Canadian and Chinese presenters. Finally, Maria Baranova of Russia displayed, "Russian Soul," a traditional gypsy dance.

WSA President Arup Chakraborty said he was pleased with the outcome of the dinner.

"We've tried our best to exhibit people and let them know about our various cultures ... which we have here," he said.

"I think we did a good job. People really liked our program and they really got some information about the cultural differences here."

Freshman Sarah Pavell, an American, confirmed Chakraborty's view of what people gained from the dinner.

"I didn't know that all these different countries were represented at [Bowling Green]," she said. "It was really cool."

A PHYSICAL VISIT



Julie DiFranco BG News

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: BGSU physics students Becky Winland, right, and Byrnn Ricupero explain the Reflection of Light experiment to Ashlyn Boyers, a 2nd grader visiting BG for Sibs N Kids weekend. The Physics 101 class put on the event at the Wood County Public Library in celebration of the World of Physics and to raise the public's awareness of physics.

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[Abstracts due March 25, 2005]

The purpose of this event is to celebrate the scholarly accomplishments of our undergraduate students by providing them with a venue in which to share the results of their work with all members of the BGSU learning community. Undergraduates in all disciplines are invited to present the results of their independent research projects and other creative activities. All University students, faculty and staff, plus community members and friends are invited to attend. Details on how you can participate in this year's symposium can be found at:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/our/SpringSymposium.htm>

NEW GREEKS KICK OFF THEIR WEEK TONIGHT

Tonight's "Singles and Sundaes" event kicks off New Member Greek Week, a week of activities for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 newcomers to the Greek community. Participants can be single for a night and play Singled Out while enjoying ice cream. The event will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

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The calendar of events is taken from
<http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Contemporary African Art Exhibit,
"Meeting Place"

"Meeting Place" is an exhibition of the work of Richard Razafindrakoto, painter, poet, and installation artist from the Madagascar Republic, and the current Jane Labino-Black Artist-in-Residence in the School of Art, BGSU.

Founders Keepers Food Court

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CaribFest Ticket Sales, sponsored by the Caribbean Association.

Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tickets and T-Shirt sales, Sponsored by the Kenya 5k Benefit Run organization.

Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pizza Party Fundraiser, Delta Sigma Pi will be selling all-you-can-eat pizza tickets.

Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Blood Drive information table, sponsored by the BGSU Chapter of the American Red Cross

Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Victim's Advocate Table, sponsored by USG

Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Connections information table
Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ticket sales for annual African People's Association Dinner.

Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spring Survey
UAO will be passing out surveys for next year's homecoming entertainment events.

Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Latino Student Union Formal Ticket Sales

Union Lobby

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others

A Support Group Faculty, Graduate Students and Staff are invited to join us for resource information, support and coping techniques. Bring your lunch!
108 A Hanna Hall

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Basketball Tournament Sign-ups, sponsored by SAAB

Union Lobby

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Managing Stress & Depression
This workshop will help participants gain a better understanding of the sources of stress, help them identify methods to reduce stress, and

practice methods to reduce stress and depression.
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3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Ice Cream Social
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6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Union rooms 201A and 202B

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

3rd Annual Criminal Justice Forum
The featured speakers are, Paul J. Brantingham, AB, JD (Col), DipCriminol (Cantab), Professor and Graduate Program Director, and Patricia L. Brantingham, AB (Col), MA (Fordham), MSP, PhD (Florida State), Professor. The lecture is, "Building Collaborative Research Relationships: University and Government." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Contact Steve Lab, Ph.D., at slab@bgsu.edu for further information.
Olscamp 101

Sidewalks on campus may see summer repair

By Britney Lee
REPORTER

Summertime is on its way, and while students may be heading home to relax, the University's Office of Design and Construction is set to get crackin'.

The summer means less foot traffic on campus and the perfect time to repair those cracks in the sidewalk that are in need of repair or even replacement.

Notable areas of broken sidewalk on campus include the path in front of Jerome Library and between MacDonald West Residence Hall and the parking lot behind it.

Mike Schuessler, project manager in the ODC, is heading up the campus sidewalk project, which is currently in its third stage of planning.

Arriving to the University only eight months ago, Schuessler has been busy fielding complaints and taking recommendations from different departments on campus about sidewalk conditions.

Schuessler and the ODC receive recommendations from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management about which areas of campus property are in

need of repair.

By fact finding and gathering information hands on, he said they can then develop a scope for the project that will encompass the areas that have the most need for repair.

A lot of areas are in need of some attention, but there is a limited amount of funds available, Schuessler said. They have to go through a serious evaluation process and determine minor versus major need.

Duane Hamilton, director of Campus Services, said decisions handling repairs were made by him, but replacement was handled with decisions made by Schuessler.

"Decisions regarding when to replace sidewalk are complicated,"

Hamilton said. "Severity, risk/hazard potential, traffic volume, future use of area, master planning and funding available must be taken into consideration."

Private contractors like Dave Deitz, owner of Custom Concrete Construction in Findlay, recognize the complexity that comes with planning to lay a sidewalk.

"Nature is also a factor when

planning to replace an area of sidewalk," Deitz said. "You don't want to replace concrete that will be pushed up by a tree root two years after you fix it."

Determining when a sidewalk is in bad enough condition to be replaced is not any easy decision, he said.

A major factor in the University's decision making process is the campus master plan.

According to Schuessler, the master plan is the 30-year plan of the reconstruction and design for the University.

It is taken into consideration when deciding sidewalk replacement because they do not want to spend money on something that is in the plan to be reconstructed in the near future, he said.


"We are in the infancy of the project," Schuessler said.

His hopes are for a bulk of the replacement to be done over the summer, before a lot of students are back for fall semester.

"I have a passion to see it done right, that is why I asked for this project," Schuessler said.

He said they were going to be reviewing the conditions regularly and the sidewalk replacement project would be an ongoing process.

Editors Note: To view the campus master plan go to:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/architect/masterplan/index.htm>

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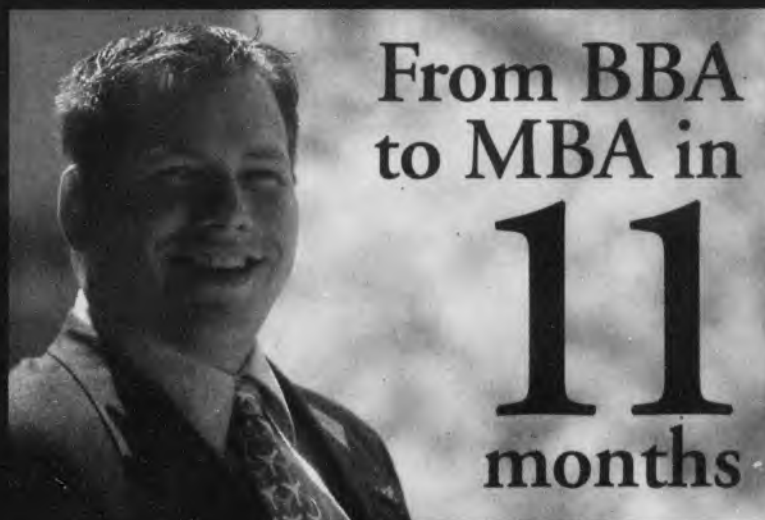
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QUOTE/UNQUOTE

"It's expensive, but worth every penny. I'd like to have several explosions. He loved explosions."

Anita Thompson, widow of author Hunter Thompson, on plans later this summer to shoot his ashes out of a cannon placed in a massive gonzo fist. Thompson committed suicide in February.
(newsweek.com)

STAFF EDITORIAL

Apology to Japan is hypocritical

Protests erupted Saturday and yesterday in southern China. Protesters were angry over Tokyo's approval of new text books that sugarcoat Japanese war atrocities in the 20th Century.

Some of the changes in the new textbooks include the leaving out the fact of the Japanese military forcing Asian women to participate in sex trade for its military and an altered version of the rape of Nanking.

Japanese embassy spokesperson Ide Keiji and Japanese Foreign

The Full Story

For in depth coverage of this story, please go to the page 10 of today's BGNews. Do you think Japan or China deserves an apology? E-mail us at thenews@bgnews.com

Minister Nobutaka Machimura have lobbied the Chinese government for monetary compensation and an apology.

The idea of Japan asking for an apology and compensation for damages is hypocritical.

Tokyo has refused to apologize for its actions against China and also refused to pay damages caused by Japan's invasion of China in the first half of the 20th century.

It should also be noted that Japan is in better relations with the United States than China is, and can easily use this leverage in international matters.

America has been Japan's protection for so long that they have not been involved in military fighting for over 50 years.

We should not be too harsh on Japan. After all, America has never apologized for any military action abroad, and the U.S. military has done many questionable actions of its own.

What these protests should teach people is forgiveness. Japanese aggression has only prompted Chinese retaliation, which in turn breeds more anger from Japan. It's just an endless cycle of blame and abuse.

People need to learn to

forgive. It is the only way to stop a cycle of violence.

Take a look at what is happening in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our government thinks these countries took part in killing Americans, so we have to attack them back in revenge.

And if you have not been paying attention to the news for the last two years, that tactic has not been very effective.

After the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan, the country has effectively fallen back into

the hands of warlords. The country is in so much chaos that the Prime Minister has a private army guarding his every move.

The United Nations office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention said in a recent study that Afghanistan is regaining the 9 million heroin base it had before the U.S. led invasion.

Obviously, foreign policy that goes by the rule "eye for an eye" has not helped our fellow man.

We need to try another path before we destroy ourselves.

Penis too small? Buy a big truck

SCOTT SEEL

U-Wire Columnist
Kansas State Collegian

Scientists have just released a clinical study proving without a doubt that there is a direct relationship between the size of a man's truck and the size of a man's penis.

Yes, just take a look around this campus and you'll see: the real men drive real big and real loud, pick'em-up trucks.

Extra points are awarded for the following items: a gun rack (10 points), a confederate flag (five points - also accepted are bumper stickers reading "Heritage, not hate"), or a sticker reading "Cowboy/girl Up" (five points).

The thought process goes like this: I could purchase a small, economical car that has an EPA rating of 28 miles per gallon, but what fun would that be? I can accomplish the same thing in this shiny new

Dodge Ram 3500 Heavy Duty Dually with a Cummins Turbo Diesel.

After all, what girl looks at a guy in a Toyota Prius Hybrid and thinks, "Man, I bet that guy is hung like a horse?"

As my good friend Cajun Man would say: "Compen-say-shun."

In addition to the brute size of one's vehicle, how loud the exhaust pipes — or lack thereof — are also awards points in penis size.

Yes, men — straight pipes get you laid.

The fact that when you drive through the apartment complex parking lot at 3 a.m., everyone gets the joy of waking up, should not deter you in your never-ending quest for the female species.

This phenomenon is not limited to college students.

As we get older, some stick with the obscenely large pickup trucks, which serve no actual practical purpose. But, most move onto SUVs.

Yes, one has not made it

until one owns the largest and most rugged-looking (please note I said rugged-looking, not actually rugged) SUV on the market.

When you pull up at soccer practice or the grocery store in your Ford Escape and park next to the guy in the Ford Excursion, you know his penis is at least six inches longer than yours. And that is unacceptable.

It continues as you become a geriatric.

As your kids grow up and move out and your AARP card comes in the mail, you trade in that cumbersome SUV for a nice Cadillac or something of that ilk.

Or, if you're my roommate, you skip the first two steps and go straight to the grandma sled.

It's the American way, my friends.

The best way to keep up with the Joneses is make sure your car is bigger than theirs and uses more oil than 90 percent of the world's nations produce.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would you like to happen at your funeral?



MELISA HOUSE
SOPHOMORE,
SOCIAL WORK

"Pretty flowers and a closed casket."



MARC FAURS
FRESHMAN, NURSING

"A strip show."



SARAH PALUMBO
SOPHOMORE, EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

"A party to celebrate my life with all my friends and family."



JESSICA WHITE
SOPHOMORE,
ATHLETIC TRAINING

"My best friend to tell my mom what I really did in college."

Lazy Americans love their lifestyles

CATHERINE BABCOCK

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Americans are lazy. I bet you've heard that one before. But maybe you just dismissed it -- maybe you didn't feel like thinking about it at the time. Well I'd like you to think about it, really think about it, right now.

You don't feel like it? Ok, never mind. Just read and I'll think for you. If you did think about it — although I bet you didn't — it's actually pretty funny. According to ... me, a good number of Americans are intelligent people, and our intelligence is the key factor in our inclination

to be idle, indolent individuals. I hope alliteration amuses you, too.

How, you ask? We use our capable cranial capacity to create lazy, useless technology, like electric toothbrushes. We're smart, but not quite smart enough to avoid coming up with inventions that save neither time nor money. Electric toothbrushes are also no more effective than regular toothbrushes, and promote inactivity in our youth. You heard right. Electric toothbrushes can easily be blamed for most, if not all, of America's problems, especially health-related ones. Ok, only health-related ones. Ones somewhat related to health, or related to something, probably — if you stretch your mind.

Why? Brushing your teeth requires little to no muscle activity. I can't even figure out which muscles I am using when I brush my teeth. It takes 0.0000001 percent of our total bodily effort to lift a toothbrush and move it across our teeth in side-to-side motion. Circular, I mean. Don't tell my dentist.

Brushing your teeth, in terms of muscle usage, is about the same as waving. Lifting the arm and moving the hand, brushing teeth and waving are sister sports. Now, would you ever think of investing in an electric waver? Do you think you'd ever be so tired that you couldn't wave at a person when the time arose? I don't know. If

the answer is yes, you might consider taking yourself over to Student Health Services so they can give you some cough drops, or refer you to a wave specialist.

Although brushing teeth the electric way borders on sacrilegious, I can't really blame Americans for being lazy. I mean, it's why I always put a smart kid in my group projects. Then I let that kid do all the work because you know he's got to get that "A." The only downside, the group evaluation component, is usually only worth like 5 percent, and I am completely willing to settle for a 95 with Steven Hawking doing all my work. Yeah, Steven Hawking goes to BU. You didn't know? He's dating an Olsen.

God bless Massachusetts Institute of Technology. About a year back, some students

invented a video game that incorporated physical activity with fun, to lessen the "inactivity in youth"

"You don't feel like it? Ok, nevermind. Just read and I'll think for you."

crisis caused by electric toothbrushes. (Disclaimer: I took the liberty of assuming the cause ... only because I'm sure I'm right.) Sadly, I haven't heard much about it since.

The idea was that the game would be wired to a stationary bike, and in order to propel characters forward, or keep them in the air when flying, you had to pedal at a certain speed. The problem is, most video game-inclined American children would classify that as "gym torture device," not "fun."

Real gyms these days are fun, though. They have to be. We join gyms based on whether they play movies on big screens in front of the treadmills, or hook up to 2,800 radio stations and digital cable television.

Why? Not only are we lazy; we require incentive for nearly 100 percent of everything we do. I wonder, is it innate, our need for incentive? Lab rats will work when they know incentive is coming. Chris Griffin of "Family Guy," in the episode where he tried to lose weight because he gets embarrassed after being mistaken for a van at the pool, required a Twinkie hung on a string in front of his face to get him to run.

It just goes to show ... wait a minute.

I'm not getting paid for this.

A myriad of amusing thoughts

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This week, instead of writing about a single topic, I've decided to babble incoherently about all the random thoughts I've had lately. These are insights that in no way merit their own column, but that I still want to put out there. I'm pretty sure I've seen at least four other writers do this, but screw them -- I'm stealing it.

Backstreet Boys songs sound way better than they did five years ago. Seriously, I heard one the other day, and I had no desire to kill anything. It didn't give me headaches; I didn't even mind. Maybe it's because today's pop is so much worse. I call it "The Ashlee Simpson effect."

I think that without toilet paper, civilization would collapse. Think about it.

When was the last time you hopped somewhere? Not only is it faster than walking, but it's really fun. Try it around campus sometime. People may look at you like you're deranged,

but it won't even matter. "Don't worry about it" may be the most irritating phrase I've ever heard. About four of my friends use it, and it makes me want to claw their eyes out. I asked you a question; I want an answer, not inane advice.

Jennifer Connelly is the most underrated hot actress of this generation. She's not in Jessica Alba's category, but she's close. Google her right now and you'll understand.

"I think that without toilet paper, civilization would collapse. Think about it."

Why do they sell so much insurance on late-night television? Do they really expect me to buy a life insurance plan between "Family Guy" and "Futurama?"

I never have heard anyone call World Wrestling Entertainment the "WWE." It's still the WWF to me, World Wildlife Fund be damned.

Speaking of wrestling, I saw WWF's "Monday Night Raw" at a sports bar the other day, and

they had this Arab wrestler named Muhammed Hussein, or something like that. He comes out speaking Arabic, and the crowd boos and waves American flags. Does anyone else think this is a bad idea?

I had a great idea last night. I'm going to write a letter to everyone on the Forbes billionaire list and ask for money -- \$10,000 is like lunch money to those guys, so I think if I can amuse one of them, he or she might just send me a check.

Ever notice that people love to brag about disgusting things they have done? I personally would not boast about not having showered in eight days.

Somebody has my copy of "Super Troopers." If I could get that back, that would be great.

With Hunter S. Thompson gone, I think Fox News is the last bastion of gonzo journalism. Think about it: What is gonzo? Super-subjective journalism where the reporter cannot separate fact from his own opinion. Fox News is gonzo.

Finally, Mitch Hedberg passed away two weeks ago, and I just wanted to acknowledge one of the most original comedians I've ever heard.

Mitch, you'll be missed.

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CLEVELAND MARSHALS ARE TOP GROUP

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland office of the U.S. Marshals Service has beaten 82 counterparts around the country to win the agency's top award. U.S. Marshals Service Dir. Benigno G. Reyna will present the Director's Award to Marshal Pete Elliott and his staff on April 20 in Washington, D.C.

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STATE

Fire at Miami students' house, three dead

By James Hannah
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OXFORD, Ohio — A fire early yesterday morning at a house near Miami University killed three people believed to be Miami students and injured two others, authorities said.

"It looked like the house had wings of flame, almost," said Jesse Gerulis, a Miami sophomore who lives in a nearby university housing complex.

Gerulis said he ran to the house and saw two people come out from behind the two-story, brick home with oxygen masks to their faces. He said they stumbled to a hospital emergency room about 100 yards away.

The home was rented by nine students, authorities said. All were male and all but one had been accounted for.

Two females were found in separate, second-floor bedrooms, fire chief Len Endress said. A male was found near the front door.

The names of the victims were not released.

Two residents were released after treatments at McCullough-Hyde Hospital.

Endress said investigators believe 13 people were in the

house when the fire started and that a 911 call came from someone in the house awakened by a smoke detector.

Investigators believe the fire may have started in a rec room because the 911 call came from a nearby room.

It took firefighters 90 minutes to bring the fire under control. Authorities were called about 4:30 a.m.

The roof of the worn-looking house partially collapsed and all the windows were broken out. The house is in a neighborhood of large, older homes surrounded by large trees a couple blocks from campus.

Two people sitting on the roof of a nearby house when the fire started said the smoke and flames were intense.

"Every single window was billowing smoke and flames out of it. There was really nothing they could do when they got here," Ross Neuhauser, 20, a Miami student from Louisville, Ky., said of firefighters.

The woman he was with, Alli Davis, 18, of Oxford, said, "Just before we came here, a guy jumped out of a second story window and walked straight into the hospital, head down, a nasty cut on his leg."

Groups of students walked by the house yesterday afternoon and one woman was crying and being comforted by friends.

Tyler Rand, 19, a student from Columbus, said he played on Miami's club rugby team with some residents of the house.

"I care a lot for these guys and it's just unfortunate," he said. "I've been here quite a few of times and the guys were really welcoming. It's heartbreaking to think a few weeks ago I was walking through the door for a social with the team from Michigan coming down here, and now it's torched."

The last major structure fire involving Miami students was on Nov. 10, 2000, at the Sigma Chi house in which 50 residents were evacuated and one had to be hospitalized, according to the city, a college town of 22,000 people about 30 miles northwest of Cincinnati.

The last time a Miami student was killed in a fire at Oxford was at another off-campus house in 1994, according to Richard Little, a school spokesman.

Miami officials met with the survivors of the fire early yesterday to offer help.

"We are doing everything we can to help and provide



David Kohl AP Photo

AFTER THE FACT: A firefighter sprays water into a window of a house where a fire killed three people near the campus of Miami University, yesterday in Oxford.

support to the families and friends of the victims, but this is a tragedy that is touching everyone in the university," Miami President Jim Garland said in a statement.

The 196-year-old college has 15,300 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students at its

Oxford campus, according to Miami's Web site.

In a similar fire two years ago, three Ohio University and two Ohio State students died in a three-story brick house near the Ohio State campus in Columbus after a 21st birthday party for one of the victims who lived

there. Authorities labeled that fire as arson. Charges against one person were dropped because of a lack of evidence.

Neuhauser said the deaths made him feel foolish for his worries.

"I was all stressed out about a test and a paper," he said.

Police use identity for sting

Law allows police to use a person's identity in investigations.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Supporters of Ohio's identity theft law are livid that state liquor control agents gave a college student the driver's license and Social Security number of another woman so she could pose as a stripper for a sting.

Investigators and Miami County Prosecutor Gary Nasal came up with nothing more than misdemeanor charges in the 2003

vice operation targeting the Total Xposure strip bar near Troy in western Ohio.

Nasal said the ploy was legal because of a change in Ohio's law the previous year aimed at curbing identity theft. The law allows police to use a person's identity within the context of an investigation, he said.

And the tactics were justified because authorities managed to close the club, Nasal said.

"I don't apologize for the investigation and the conduct," he told The Columbus Dispatch for a story yesterday. "The result speaks for itself."

That doesn't sit well with a number of people, including the Republican state representative who sponsored the legislation and David Dawson, the father of the woman whose identity was used.

"I don't know much about law, but I would say that's just baloney," said Dawson, who lives part time in Columbus.

Dawson said his daughter lives in Cincinnati, has never been a stripper and didn't want to comment.

According to court records, Troy police paid Michelle Suzhay \$100 per night over three months to

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BG NEWS BRIEFING

Parties battle over Medicaid budget

COLUMBUS — Democrats fought unsuccessfully yesterday for changes to the state budget favoring poor families and children.

One proposal by Rep. Barbara Sykes of Akron would have restored eligibility for Medicaid services to about 25,000 families. Gov. Bob Taft lowered the income level necessary to

qualify for the joint state-federal health care plan to save money and try to slow Medicaid's growth.

Another plan by Rep. Dale Miller of Cleveland would save a program that provides health insurance to destitute Ohioans with chronic illnesses.

The program serves about 15,000 poor Ohioans with heart problems, diabetes or mental illness who earn less than \$115 a month.

They are typically single, unemployed adults under 65 who aren't eligible for Medicaid, although they may become eligible if they're determined to meet certain disability

standards. Eliminating the program would save about \$73 million a year.

"We cannot rightly leave the poorest and most vulnerable of our citizens behind," Miller said.

The Republican-controlled House Finance Committee rejected these and several other Democratic proposals to the two-year, \$51 billion spending plan.

Republicans previously agreed to restore some money for dental and vision services for poor Ohioans.

The finance committee planned a vote on the budget later yesterday.

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WINTER WEATHER HITS WEST

(AP) — A blizzard dumped wet, heavy snow on Colorado yesterday, while storms brought rain, hail and gusting winds to the Midwest. Moderate to heavy snow continued to fall over Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Montana throughout the day. The worst of the storm hit Colorado.

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NATION

NIH accused of sexual harassment

By John Solomon
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Women at the National Institutes of Health faced sexual intimidation and repeated disregard of their concerns for the welfare of patients in AIDS experiments, according to testimony by two senior female officers and documents gathered by investigators.

One longtime medical officer at the government's premier medical research agency alleged that the harassment and disregard for federal safety regulations are so widespread that employees are now afraid to hold up experiments even if they see a safety problem.

Hersworn testimony and other documents were obtained by The Associated Press from a variety of sources inside and outside NIH.

"It can be fairly uncomfortable," NIH medical officer Betsy Smith testified in a recent civil case deposition that has been turned over to federal and Senate

investigators. "There are a number of things that you really don't talk about."

In such a work environment, "You don't hold up any projects even if you feel there are safety issues for certain projects," she said.

Testimony by Smith and the chief compliance officer for AIDS research, as well as e-mails involving more staffers and several bosses, paint a picture of a sometimes raunchy, profane-language atmosphere inside an agency regarded for its pristine science.

Documents tell of a supervisor sending a red bra to a former female subordinate and of women being hugged or kissed by bosses. In one instance, a super-

visor invited a colleague to a West Coast rock concert and suggested they also visit an AIDS clinic there so the trip could be charged to taxpayers.

"Sexual harassment is not tolerated at NIH and we are committed to ensuring that all employees are treated with dignity and respect."

DR. H. CLIFFORD LANE,
NIH REPRESENTATIVE

lawsuit against the agency.

Fishbein alleges he is in the process of being fired as the

AIDS division's chief of human research protection because he raised concerns about patient safety and shoddy science. The NIH says he was fired for poor performance.

The Senate and the inspector general at the Health and Human Services Department are investigating the allegations. In addition, officials told the AP, the NIH is conducting an internal investigation on sexual harassment.

NIH managers acknowledged in interviews that there are problems in their AIDS research program, which pays hundreds of millions of dollars for experiments across the globe. They said they could not address specific allegations because of the investigations, but were taking steps to end any sexual harassment and improve communication among employees when safety issues arise.

"We must be sure our staff works productively and in a timely fashion with our investi-

gators to resolve any issues related to the conduct of our studies, with the highest priority paid to patient safety," said Dr. H. Clifford Lane. He is deputy director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which oversees the AIDS research division.

Lane said "sexual harassment is not tolerated at NIH and we are committed to ensuring that all employees are treated with dignity and respect."

The two new witnesses testified in recent weeks to actions they alleged made the workplace intimidating. Examples included: —female workers receiving unwanted hugs, kisses or catcalls in the hallways.

—a safety order on a major experiment delayed for nearly two years;

—safety conclusions changed or disregarded by supervisors.

Luzar, the AIDS division's compliance officer, alleged that her bosses frequently sided with the front-line researchers

they are financing, rather than with the agency's safety and regulatory experts.

"I think we (safety officials) got in the way, and that we were an impediment to the science," Luzar testified. She described the division managers as "totally unsupportive" of safety concerns and bending to "tremendous pressure" from drug companies and researchers in the name of trying to cure AIDS.

"I think the culture was certainly strong for a period of time that the ends could justify the means," she testified.

Smith said Fishbein was a strong advocate for improving safety for research participants and the effort to fire him is "a warning to other individuals."

She said after Fishbein was forced out, NIH held a meeting at which Fishbein and his allegations were attacked and a picture of one of Fishbein's

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Upsurge in oil prices continues nationwide

Higher refining costs and growing demand hike prices.

By Alicia Chang
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Gas prices soared an average 19 cents in the past three weeks due to lingering high crude oil prices, growing demand and higher refining costs, an industry

analyst said yesterday.

The average retail price for all three grades increased 18.95 cents to \$2.32 per gallon between March 18 and Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

The most popular grade, self-serve regular, was priced at \$2.29 a gallon, while customers paid \$2.38 for midgrade. Premium averaged

\$2.48 a gallon for the period.

Crude prices, which briefly reached \$58 last week, are likely to stay above \$50 a barrel well into next year, Lundberg said.

"It's very possible that unless crude oil prices show another upsurge, then gas prices may have hit their peak already or will soon," she said.

Last week, the Energy Department said it expects gasoline prices to average \$2.35 a gallon nationwide in

May, the dawn of the heavy summer driving season. The Energy Information Administration reported that gasoline demand for this summer is projected to be 9.3 million barrels a day, up 1.8 percent over last summer, and the highest on record.

The highest average gas price in the nation for regular unleaded was \$2.62 a gallon in Bakersfield. The lowest price was \$2.06 in Newark, N.J.



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Friday
at Western Michigan, 1 p.m.
Saturday
at NIU, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Saturday
Spring Game, noon

Indians get hard fought victory in Detroit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a six-run lead in the first inning, the Cleveland Indians probably thought they were on their way to an easy victory.

It didn't work out that way. Cleveland closer Bob Wickman retired Ivan Rodriguez with the tying run on first base to give the Indians a hard-fought 7-6 win over the Detroit Tigers yesterday.

"They came back, and we had some opportunities that we didn't capitalize on," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "Even the one run we did add a couple innings later turned out to be significant for us."

Jason Davis (1-0) pitched six innings in his season debut, giving up five runs — four earned — and eight hits. He walked one and matched a career best with seven strikeouts.

"I didn't have my best stuff, but I made some big pitches," Davis said. "The runs in the first were a huge boost for my confidence."

Three Cleveland relievers finished, with Wickman giving up an RBI single to Carlos Guillen in the ninth before finishing for his second save. Before getting Rodriguez, Wickman started to think about his blown save Wednesday, when he wasted a three-run lead against the White Sox.

"I'm thinking, 'Here we go again,' just like everyone else," he said. "I made a good pitch to Guillen and he got a base hit. Pudge was up swinging at the first pitch, and I threw a little two-seamer in on him. Maybe I outsmarted one of the best hitters. I don't know."

Jeremy Bonderman (1-1) allowed seven runs — only one after the first — on seven hits and three walks in six innings. He struck out four.

Bonderman showed none of the command he displayed in a dominant opening day performance against Kansas City. The Indians sent 10 batters to the plate in the first, scoring six times.

"I got behind guys, and when I did get ahead of someone, I left the ball over the middle of the plate," Bonderman said. "I just have to build on the last four or five innings for my next start."

The Indians loaded the bases with none out on two walks and a single. Victor Martinez struck out, but Aaron Boone lined a two-run single to left and Broussard followed with a two-run double down the left-field line.

Casey Blake and Ronnie Belliard added RBI singles later in the inning, both to left as the Indians took advantage of Rondell White's poor throwing arm.

"That's just something you have to deal with," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said. "You try

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

SOFTBALL

Falcons go 4-0 over weekend



SWINGING AWAY: Bowling Green junior Gina Rango makes a hit in last season's MAC Championship game against Miami. Rango had a big weekend for the Falcons against Ball State and IPFW getting six hits, scoring two runs and getting six runs batted in.

BG is hitting their stride after their 33rd game, the same time they hit it last season.

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

There must be something special about the Bowling Green softball team's 34th game of the season.

Last year, the Falcons were 14-19 going into that game and used their next 17 games to go 13-4. And after this past weekend, it looks as if though BG is going for that feat again.

The Falcons capped off their four-game weekend with four shutouts, four wins and a lot of momentum and pushed their record to 17-20 overall and 5-4 in the Mid-American Conference.

BG is looking to translate this momentum into more wins just like it did one year ago.

"I hope that's the case," BG head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said. "I have no explanation for that. I just know it takes a while for us to get our confidence."

No matter what the case is, the Falcons are now four wins better. Their weekend started out with a pair of MAC wins over Ball State and ended with two non conference wins yesterday over IPFW at the BGSU Softball Field.

The first win yesterday didn't come easy for BG.

They managed just three hits against Mastadons pitchers Kady Elliot and Beth Harmon and didn't have a hit until the fourth inning.

"The first game I was wondering what that girl was throwing a no-hitter in the fourth inning," Ross-Shaw said. "To come out of a slump is to go out and have confidence."

And while the Falcons didn't necessarily set the world on fire, they did manage to walk away from game

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BASEBALL

Badenhop leads BG past Buffalo

By Matt Hawkins
SPORTS REPORTER

Senior Burke Badenhop pitched a complete game shutout and had nine strikeouts as the Bowling Green baseball team defeated Buffalo 1-0 at Steller Field yesterday.

Badenhop got off to an early start by striking out the first three batters he faced in the first inning. Badenhop said he knew the Bulls were a good fastball hitting team so he tried to throw them off by using his other pitches.

"My changeup was pretty good and my slider was even better," Badenhop said. "I threw eight innings against them last year and I remember a lot of breaking balls is what got them out. Today I was able to hit my spots and mix it up."

Badenhop now holds the best record in the Mid-American Conference at 6-1 and is tied for the team lead in strikeouts with Alan Brech (34).

"(Badenhop) has great stuff," Falcons head coach Danny Schmitz said. "When he's aggressive he's among the best in the league, so we want him to stay aggressive at all times."

While Badenhop was able to stay aggressive on the mound for the Falcons, BG hitters struggled at the plate with a total of five hits all game. But in the bottom of the first inning

the Falcons had a chance to blow the game wide open.

After BG second baseman Eric Lawson led off the first inning with a double to right field, Bulls pitcher Matt Johnson loaded the bases with a pair of walks. Johnson then walked senior Andy Hudak which scored Lawson for the Falcons only run of the game.

But Johnson retired the next three hitters to get out of the inning and from then shut down the Falcons, giving up just four hits and one walk the rest of the game.

With strong outings from both pitchers, it all came down to who made the fewest mistakes. That first inning proved to be the dagger for Johnson and allowed the Falcons to come away with the victory.

"(Buffalo's) pitcher did a good job," Schmitz said. "Thank God Burke (Badenhop) came out on top."

After defeating Buffalo 7-1 on Friday and losing to them 6-4 on Saturday, the Falcons (20-8, 5-4 MAC) were able to get the victory in the deciding game and have now won their second straight MAC series. With the loss, Buffalo drops to 11-14 overall and 1-3 in the MAC.

The Falcons travel to South Bend, Ind. for a battle with the Fighting Irish tomorrow. First pitch is scheduled for 5:05 p.m.

Woods wins Masters

Birdies and bogeys added up to a low score of 1-under 71.

By Doug Ferguson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods is the Masters champion once again, turning back a surprising challenge yesterday with a shot of sheer magic and a birdie putt to win a playoff he never expected.

A spectacular finish of birdies and bogeys finally ended when Woods produced the most important shot of all — a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to capture his fourth green jacket and finally put away the gritty Chris DiMarco.

Woods knew it was over when the ball was a foot from the hole, taking two steps to the left as a smile broke out on his face and his right fist punched the air with fury.

Everything else about this Masters was up in the air to the very end.

First came the most improbable birdie on the par-3 16th, when Woods skipped his chip shot up the slope and watched it crawl 25 feet down to the cup, where it paused for 2 full seconds before dropping.

"I would rank that as one of the best ones I've ever hit," Woods said. "It turned things around. It was pretty huge."

Then came an even bigger surprise. The greatest closer in golf looked like a first-timer at Augusta National, making a mess out of the last two holes to



Amy Sancetta AP Photo

THE MASTER: Tiger Woods reacts after winning the 2005 Masters in a playoff with Chris DiMarco on the 18th hole of the tournament.

finish with two bogeys and allow DiMarco one more chance.

Woods made sure that was all he got.

DiMarco again came up short of the green, and chipped up for a tap-in par. He took his hat

off and ran his hand through his hair, crouched and kept looking up at Woods and down at his feet, afraid to watch, perhaps knowing what was about

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Rusty Kennedy AP Photo

STYLING: LeBron James tries to get around Philadelphia 76ers' Aaron McKie, right, on Friday, April 8, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA. James was named to Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World."

James named in top 100

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As he carries the Cleveland Cavaliers toward the NBA playoffs, LeBron James finds himself on a weighty list.

James has been named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World," one of just five sports personalities to make the list that will hit newsstands today.

In his second season as a pro, the 20-year-old James, who had 40 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in a win over Milwaukee on Saturday night, has the Cavaliers on the brink of making the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

Time profiled the list of 100 in five categories: "Leaders and Revolutionaries," "Builders and Titans," "Artists and Entertainers," "Scientists and Thinkers," and "Heroes and Icons," James' category.

An Ohio high school star who had a \$90 million contract from Nike before he went to the NBA, James was the league's top rookie a year ago, and this season he has improved his all-around game.

"He's a phenomenon. He was shooting at a basket twice the size of a hula hoop."

BRENDAN MALONE,
CAVS INTERIM COACH

Entering tonight's game against Orlando, James is averaging 26.8 points, 7.1 rebounds and 7.2 assists per game. Only Oscar Robertson (six times), John Havlicek (twice) Michael Jordan (once) and Larry Bird (once) have averaged more than 25 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for a season. With six games left, James has a good chance to become the fifth.

Robertson profiled James in Time's piece saying, "James appears level-headed and graceful in dealing with his notoriety, his good fortune and the high expectations. ... James' next step, if he so chooses, is to become a leader and inspire his teammates to play better as a unit."

The other sports figures to make

the list are: Roman Abramovich, owner of England's Chelsea Football Club; around-the-world sailor Ellen MacArthur; Formula 1 driver Michael Schumacher; and Richard Pound, head of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

James recorded his third triple-double (double figures in points, rebounds and assists) of the season in Saturday's crucial win over the Bucks, a victory that kept the Cavaliers in the eighth and final playoff spot.

James made a career-high seven 3-pointers — five in the second quarter — and went 15-of-26 from the field to lead Cleveland, currently 1 1/2 games ahead of New Jersey in the Eastern Conference race.

Late in the game, James sat on the scorer's table, formed his fingers like a pistol and raised them to his mouth. He then pretended to blow away smoke like a gunslinger.

"He's a phenomenon," said Cavs interim coach Brendan Malone. "He was shooting at a basket twice the size of a hula hoop."

Mets get first season win against Braves

By Charles Odum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pedro Martinez pitched a two-hitter and the New York Mets finally got their first win of the season yesterday, overcoming John Smoltz's 15 strikeouts in a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Carlos Beltran hit a go-ahead homer off Smoltz in the eighth, and Cliff Floyd and David Wright connected later in the inning to send Willie Randolph to his first victory as a manager.

Martinez (1-0) retired his final 16 batters, struck out nine and walked only one. After the bullpen cost him a win on opening day in Cincinnati, the Mets' new ace finished this one himself for his 43rd career complete game.

Smoltz (0-2) tied his Atlanta record for strikeouts and led 1-0 through seven innings. But Jose Reyes led off the eighth with a single and moved up on Miguel Cairo's sacrifice before Beltran drove a 2-1 pitch over the right-field fence, chasing Smoltz.

That clutch swing seemed to relax the Mets, who started 0-5 for the first time since 1963 — when they lost their first eight games in their second year of existence. Boosted by the victory, they now head to New York for their home opener today against Houston.

Held to a combined four runs while never leading in the first two games of the series, the Mets added three more in the eighth and one in the ninth to break the game open.

Floyd greeted reliever Tom Martin with a homer to center. Doug Mientkiewicz followed with a double off the wall to chase Martin, and Wright hit a two-run shot off Roman Colon for a 5-1 lead.

Beltran added a run-scoring single in the ninth off Jorge Sosa.

Martinez didn't match Smoltz's strikeouts, but he was just as sharp. His walk led to the Braves' only run in the fourth inning on Johnny Estrada's RBI double.

Andruw Jones tripled for Atlanta's other hit.

Martinez signed a \$53 million, four-year deal in the offseason and delivered in the role of stopper, ending the losing streak. When it was over, a smiling Randolph received hugs and handshakes in the dugout.

Smoltz pitched 7 1-3 innings, giving up eight hits and two runs with no walks. He set the Atlanta record with 15 strikeouts against Montreal on May 24, 1992.

After Beltran's homer, Smoltz kicked the chalk on the first baseline as he walked off the field and tipped his cap in response to a standing ovation from the Turner Field crowd of 36,601.

Randolph made two lineup changes, starting Cairo at second base and Ramon Castro as Martinez's catcher. Each had two hits.

The manager also let Martinez bat in the seventh even though he was trailing, a move that paid off.

The Mets wasted two early

scoring chances, stranding runners at first and second in the first inning before having Reyes thrown out at third in the third inning.

In the fourth, Chipper Jones walked and scored on Estrada's two-out double into the right-field corner.

After four years as a reliever, Smoltz had only one strikeout in his first start, a 9-0 season-opening loss at Florida. Smoltz lasted only 1 2-3 innings, giving up six hits and seven runs, six earned, in the opener, but he was back in top form for his first home start.

Smoltz struck out the side in the second and sixth innings and got at least two strikeouts in each of the first six innings. He posted his 36th career game with 10 or more strikeouts and his first since Oct. 1, 1999, when he fanned 11 Florida batters.

Notes: With his third strikeout, Martinez tied David Cone for 19th on the career list with 2,668. ... The only previous time Martinez and Smoltz started against one another was July 24, 1994, when Martinez and Montreal beat the Braves 6-4 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. Martinez earned the win but Smoltz was not involved in the decision. ... The two last pitched in the same game on June 14, 2002, when Martinez took the 2-1 loss for Boston and Smoltz earned the save.

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Tiger boasts 9 majors for career

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to happen. When the ball disappeared, DiMarco walked slowly to Woods to congratulate him.

Woods closed with a 1-under 71 and won for the second time in a playoff at a major, wrapping up a long and bizarre week at Augusta National that included two rain delays, an eagle putt that Woods rolled off the green and into the creek, a record run of birdies to get back into the contention and, finally, the fight of his life.

He now has nine majors for his career, halfway home to the standard set by Jack Nicklaus.

But this didn't look like the same guy who won his first eight majors.

At times Woods was simply brilliant, especially when he made up a four-shot deficit in just two holes when the third round resumed Sunday morning. He tied a Masters record with seven straight birdies on his way to a 65, giving him a three-shot lead going into the final round.

But he made the kind of mistakes rarely seen from Woods in the final round of a major.

Ultimately, all that mattered was having defending champion Phil Mickelson slip the green jacket over his shoulders in the Butler Cabin, and being a major champion again for the first time in nearly three years.

For DiMarco, it was the second straight year he saw the winning putt on the 18th hole

at Augusta National. He played with Mickelson in the final group when Lefty rolled in an 18-footer from about the same spot as Woods.

His consolation was a 4-under 68, and a steely performance that kept fans on edge to the end.

"I was ready to win," DiMarco said. "I will be ready to win next year. I certainly feel like I can."

DiMarco, who spit away a four-shot lead in two holes earlier yesterday to finish the third round, outplayed Woods in the final round and could easily have won except for missing four birdie putts inside 8 feet.

He also was up against some magic right out of Woods' glorious past.

Woods was clinging to a one-shot lead and on the ropes, sailing his tee shot long over the par-3 16th green with DiMarco facing a 15-footer for birdie. Woods played his chip up the slope and watched it trickle down, begging from his knees for it to keep going. When it stopped, then dropped, it looked as though Woods had the Masters won.

But even a two-shot lead with two holes to play wasn't enough.

He sliced his tee shot into the pines, couldn't reach the green and escaped with bogey when his pitch rolled off the green. He sailed his approach on the 18th into the bunker on the right and made another bogey.

That forced the 13th playoff in Masters history.

Softball gains momentum

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one with a 4-0 win.

Some of that can be attributed to mistakes by the Mastadons' defense.

In the second inning of the game, BG first baseman Allison Vallas drew a walk and advance to second on a wild pitch. Then Kristen Anderson reached base on a fielder's choice that was supposed to get Vallas out at third but instead turned into an errant throw that scored Vallas and moved Anderson to third. The next batter up was D.J. Delong, who grounded out to second and knocked in Anderson to give BG a 2-0 lead.

The Falcons struck again in the fourth but this time didn't need any help from the Mastadons as Jeanine Baca and Gina Rango led the inning off with a pair of doubles that would help the Falcons score two more runs and leave the first game with a win.

The second game was a bit easier for BG as they won 8-0 in six innings.

The Falcons used 12 hits — most of them timely — to roar out of the weekend.

A two out Gina Rango double in the third inning gave BG two runs.

That was followed up by three runs with two outs in the fourth inning and another three runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth to give the Falcons a run rule victory.

"I just wish we had the same sense of urgency with no outs," Ross-Shaw said.

The reason for the Falcons dominance over the weekend wasn't the hitting, though.

Liz Vrabel started Saturday out by throwing a four-hit shutout



Ashley Kuntz BG News

PATIENCE: BG freshman Allison Vallas waits for her pitch against Michigan on March 30, 2005. Vallas had 2 hits, scored a run and hit in 4 others against IPFW yesterday at the BGSU Softball Field.

against Ball State and Kristen Anderson shut down IPFW in yesterday's game one.

Those two starts were offset by Emily Gouge's pair of shut out performances. The freshman threw 13 innings over the weekend, allowing just six hits and striking out 14.

In the weekend's last game, Gouge wasn't under the pressure her teammates were under the rest of the weekend thanks to BG's hitting.

"When they get runs, we know there's not going to be as

much pressure to pitch perfect," Gouge said. "I know that if I miss it won't hurt us."

It's been 27 innings since the Falcons have given up a run, they will have a chance to continue that streak this afternoon when they take on Oakland in Rochester, Mich. in a double header.

"[Our pitchers] do exactly what they're told," Ross-Shaw said. "They're not letting the pressure get to them. I have to applaud our pitchers and pitching staff."

Tribe slips by Tigers with a score of 7-6

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to teach guys like that to hit the cutoff man, but that's not always easy."

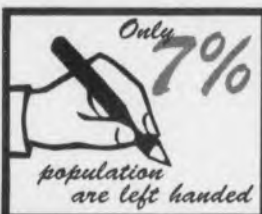
Detroit got on the board with two runs in the second on Craig Monroe's RBI single and Marcus Thames' sacrifice fly.

Both teams added a run in the third. Cleveland scored when Broussard tripled and came home on Blake's groundout, and Detroit on White's RBI single.

The Tigers pulled to 7-5 in the fifth. Dmitri Young hit a two-out triple to score Guillen, and Young scored when first baseman Broussard dropped Boone's throw for an error on a grounder by White.

"After that first inning, Bondo kept us in the game," Young said. "We've always had a lot of respect for him, and this is why. He faced adversity and did what he needed to after that."

Notes: Guillen, who missed the end of last season with a torn ACL, stole his first base in the fifth inning. ... The Indians have made at least one error in their first six games. ... Magglio Ordonez (viral infection) missed his fourth straight game. He hopes to play in tomorrow's series opener in Minnesota. ... Davis has struck out seven on four other occasions, most recently on June 25, 2004, against Colorado.



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WORLD

Textbook prompts anti-Japan protest

A crowd of over 6,000 gathered violently protested in Beijing.

By Alexa Olesen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing—Anti-Japan protests over a controversial new Japanese textbook erupted in southern China yesterday, a day after a violent rally in Beijing. Tokyo demanded an apology and better protection for its citizens as a simmering diplomatic row threatened ties between the Asian heavyweights.

Demonstrations against Japan have spread since Tokyo last week approved new textbooks that critics say fail to address the Japanese military's brutal wartime invasion and occupation of Asian nations in the first half of the 20th century, including forcing Asian women into sexual slavery for troops.

On Saturday, about 1,000 demonstrators threw rocks and broke windows at the Japanese Embassy in Beijing after a noisy rally by more than 6,000 people in the university district in the capital's northwest, where some burned a Japanese flag.

The protest was the biggest in the tightly controlled Chinese capital since 1999, when the U.S. Embassy was besieged

after NATO warplanes bombed Beijing's Embassy in Belgrade during the war over Kosovo.

Most protests in the Chinese capital are banned, but the government occasionally allows brief rallies by a few dozen people outside the Japanese Embassy on key war anniversaries. Anti-Japanese sentiment runs deep among Chinese, with many resenting what they see as Tokyo's failure to atone for its wartime aggression.

China said yesterday it had ordered anti-Japanese protesters in Beijing to stay "calm and sane" and mobilized extra police to maintain public order, but Japanese officials complained that not enough was done.

When the protesters arrived at the Japanese Embassy, security forces let them throw stones, embassy spokesman Ide Keiji said.

"They let them do that. They didn't stop, they didn't arrest," he said.

Japan's ambassador to China, Anami Koreshige, called the violent rally in Beijing "gravely regrettable" and called on

Chinese authorities to protect Japanese citizens and businesses, as well as the embassy and other consulates in China, Keiji said.

Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura also summoned China's ambassador on Sunday to lodge a protest and demand an apology and compensation for damages.

Keiji said Japan had used diplomatic channels to "repeatedly request" protection of Japanese interests last week following demonstrations in the southern cities of Shenzhen and Chengdu, and received assurances from Beijing.

Meanwhile, China said Japan should do more to improve relations between the two nations.

"The Japanese have to do more things conducive to enhancing mutual trust and maintaining the relations between the two countries," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency.

He added that Japan should adopt an "earnest attitude

"Japan should adopt an earnest attitude and appropriate ways to deal with the feelings of the Chinese people."

QIN GANG, FOREIGN MINISTRY



AP Photo

RESTRAINING THE CROWD: Chinese paramilitary police hold back protesters near the Japanese ambassador's residence in Beijing. About 1,000 protesters threw rocks and bottles at the Japanese Embassy.

and appropriate ways" to deal with ... the feelings of the Chinese people."

Protests continued yesterday, with some 10,000 demonstrators surrounding a Japanese-run Jasco supermarket in the southern city of Shenzhen, Keiji said. They shouted "Boycott Japanese goods!" and threw plastic bottles of mineral water at the store.

About 3,000 people also marched toward the Japanese Consulate General in the southern city of Guangzhou for a peaceful "spontaneous demonstration" and police were maintaining order, said a

spokesman with the Guangzhou municipal government who refused to give his name when reached by telephone.

Hong Kong Cable Television showed a huge crowd of people protesting outside a shopping center in Guangzhou. They were trying to knock down police barriers set up around the center, and police were shoving the crowd as they struggled to contain it. A correspondent said protesters threw eggs at Japanese restaurants as they passed by.

The history books, written by nationalist scholars, were approved by Japan's Education

Ministry for use beginning April 2006.

The row over the books and demonstrations in China threatens to worsen already chilly relations between the two countries.

Despite growing trade and investment flows between the two sides, bilateral ties are at a low following recent clashes over disputed islands in the East China Sea, the incursion of a Chinese naval submarine into Japanese waters and exploration of natural gas fields beneath the seabed.

Associated Press reporter Kenji Hall in Tokyo contributed to this report.

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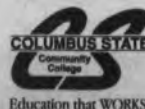
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Rep. calls for DeLay to step down

DeLay's ethics problems blamed for party's declining image.

By Lou Kesten
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WASHINGTON — Rep. Christopher Shays said yesterday that fellow Republican Rep. Tom DeLay should step down as House majority leader because his continuing ethics problems are hurting the GOP.

"Tom's conduct is hurting the Republican Party, is hurting this Republican majority and it is hurting any Republican who is up for re-election," Shays told The Associated Press yesterday.

DeLay, R-Texas, has been dogged in recent months by reports of possible ethics violations. There have been questions about his overseas travel, campaign payments to family members and his connections to lobbyists who are under investigation.

A moderate Republican from Connecticut who has battled with his party's leadership on a number of issues, Shays said efforts by the House GOP members to change ethics rules to protect DeLay only make the party look bad.

"My party is going to have to decide whether we are going to continue to make excuses for Tom to the detriment of Republicans seeking election," Shays said.

Rick Santorum, the No. 3

Republican in the Senate, said yesterday that DeLay needs to answer questions about his ethics.

"I think he has to come forward and lay out what he did and why he did it and let the people then judge for themselves," Santorum told ABC's "This Week." "But from everything I've heard, again, from the comments and responding to those, is everything he's done was according to the law."

"Now you may not like some of the things he's done," said Santorum, who is up for re-election next year in Pennsylvania. "That's for the people of his district to decide, whether they want to approve that kind of behavior or not."

DeLay's spokesman, Dan Allen, told The Associated Press yesterday that the congressman "looks forward to the opportunity of sitting down with the ethics committee chairman and ranking member to get the facts out and to dispel the fiction and innuendo that's being launched at him by House Democrats and their liberal allies."

The majority leader was admonished three times last year by that committee. The committee has been in limbo since March, when its five

Democrats balked at adopting Republican-developed rules.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said last week that the controversy was distracting DeLay from dealing with more pressing problems before Congress.

Santorum, however, said DeLay is "very effective in leading the House" and "to date, has not been compromised."

A senior Democratic senator, Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, had this advice for the Republicans who control both the House and Senate: "Be careful about how closely you embrace Mr. DeLay."

Dodd cited the new rules for the ethics committee that House Republicans

rammed through in the wake of DeLay's difficulties. Those rules require a bipartisan vote before an investigation can be launched. DeLay's office also helped mount a counterattack last fall against Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., who was the ethics committee chairman when it came down against DeLay.

"Unfortunately, in his particular case, there's a process that he's tried to change so they could actually reach a determination as to whether

or not he's innocent or guilty of the things he's been charged with," Dodd said. "But this is not going to go away."

DeLay "becomes the poster child for a lot of the things the Democrats think are wrong about Republican leadership. As long as he's there, he's going to become a pretty good target," Dodd said on ABC.

DeLay, who took center stage in passing legislation designed to keep alive Terri Schiavo, also has found that President Bush and congressional colleagues are distancing themselves from his comments, after her death, about the judges involved in her case.

"The time will come for the men responsible for this to answer for their behavior," DeLay said, raising the prospect of impeaching members of a separate and independent branch of government. Later, he complained of "an arrogant and out of control judiciary that thumbs its nose at Congress and the president."

Bush, declining to endorse DeLay's comments, said Friday that he supports "an independent judiciary." He added, "I believe in proper checks and balances."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee said last week that the judges "handled it in a fair and independent way," although he had hoped for a different result.

Democrats have said DeLay's remarks were tantamount to inciting violence against judges.

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RICK SANTORUM,
REPUBLICAN

Women employees scrutinize NIH

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relatives was shown on a screen. Smith said the event was so intimidating that fellow safety and medical officers "called it scientific terrorism."

Documents obtained by the AP show that nearly a year ago, NIH managers were warned by the agency's civil rights protection office in a letter that the deputy director of the AIDS division, Dr. Jonathan Kagan, had sent numerous e-mails containing "profanity and sexual innuendo" and "unprofessional and inappropriate statements."

The letter included e-mails showing Kagan sent to a male worker a picture of a bare-breasted woman with the caption "priceless" and sent a note jokingly instructing an employee to leave his pager behind and bring "bongs," or drug paraphernalia, to an event. Kagan also used profane language in a variety of communications, the e-mails show.

NIH officials acknowledged they took no action after getting the letter last May. The investigation remains open, they said.

Luzar, who had disagreements with Kagan over her performance, testified that Kagan once hugged her inappropriately upon hearing her father had died, and routinely kept a mug on his desk with a phrase that included a four-letter expletive.

"I found it very intimidating to walk into Dr. Kagan's office for a one-on-one and see this, the first thing you see on the left side as you walk in the door is the cup," Luzar testified.

Alyza Lewin, Kagan's lawyer, said her client occasionally hugged or kissed female subordinates, and used "earthy language" in some e-mails to workers. Lewin also said Kagan once had retrieved a red bra that had been a gag gift among women in the office and sent it to a woman who had been a subordinate and who had transferred from his

"I'm specifically describing individuals that don't appear to be able to interact with females without having some amount of sexuality implied."

SMITH, MEDICAL OFFICER

office after a falling out with him.

Lewin said the NIH's ombudsman talked with Kagan about the red bra incident but her client was never disciplined for any sexual harassment and never intended to offend women. She said the mug was bought from a popular Web news site and that he removed it from his desk once learning it bothered people.

"Dr. Kagan never sexually harassed any NIH employee," she said. "It is noteworthy these allegations were not raised at the time the incidents allegedly occurred, but only now in connection with Dr. Fishbein's employment action."

Smith, the medical officer, testified that supervisors elsewhere inside the NIH behaved similarly. She recounted how one colleague had difficulty breaking off a sexual relationship with a branch chief and said that when others at the agency went on trips, they learned "the hotel only has one room so that the female scientist has to stay with her superior."

"I'm specifically describing individuals that don't appear to be able to interact with females without having some amount of sexuality implied," Smith testified. "Some sexual games. Sexual taunting. Sexual innuendo going on."

Investigators from the Senate Finance Committee who

interviewed some NIH employees have obtained documents showing that safety concerns about AIDS studies were frequently overruled or delayed by supervisors.

For instance: —Luzar testified that NIH failed for two years to comply with federal regulations and her demand — first made in April 2003 — to update the "safety protocol and instruct researchers in the field to consider new warnings to patients in a \$36 million AIDS drug trial after new side effects emerged, including suicidal tendencies.

The NIH acknowledged the delay, but said patients were never in jeopardy because doctors were told about side effects as they became known.

"It is clear we can do a better job in our communications within the division and our communications with our investigators," said Lane, the NIH's No. 2 infectious disease official. "We want to see all our processes take place in the quickest possible way, and two years is long time for any process."

—Smith detailed how a NIH supervisor delayed reporting for days the death of a patient in an experiment. The supervisor was "behaving as if she were a pharmaceutical company and did not clearly understand regulatory requirements for such a study," Smith testified.

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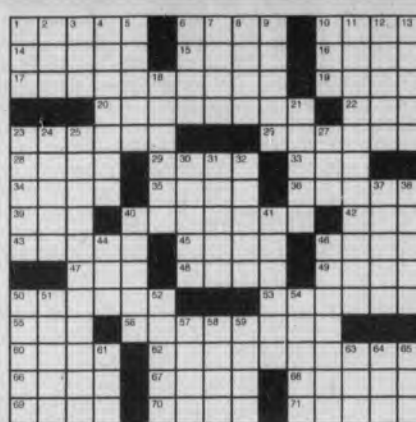
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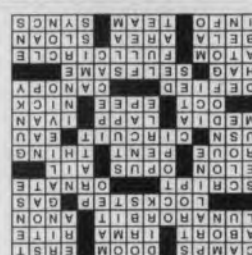
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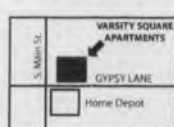
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